

BOOK REVIEW

The Literature Review: Six Steps to Success, 3e, 2016.

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Many students at The Masters Level struggle to produce an analytical Literature Review as part of their Master's Thesis or Doctoral Dissertation. In this reviewers opinion this is because description rather than analysis is the focus at the undergraduate level. The analytical gap is often not sufficiently emphasized in Masters level research methods courses, which instead emphasize the various quantitative and qualitative methods available to students.

This book will be of invaluable assistance to students at the MBA and Doctoral levels and Ajarn teaching those students.

The book is written by two very experienced research teachers and is unique in its use of simple and easy to understand language and clear diagrams, describing the steps throughout each stage of writing an analytical literature review.

The book comprises the following parts:

Preface;

Acknowledgements;

About The Authors;

Introduction: Doing and Producing A Literature Review;

Chapter 1: Step 1: Select A Topic;

Chapter 2: Step 2: Develop The Tools of Argumentation;

Chapter 3 Step 3: Search The Literature;

Chapter 4: Step 4: Survey The Literature;;

Chapter 5 Step 5: Step 5: Critique The Literature;

Chapter 6 : Step 6: Write The Review.

Glossary;

References and Further Reading;

Index.

Conclusion This book is highly recommended to both faculty and students. The book is a slim volume which gets to the point at each stage it is economical with words, makes good use of diagrams and flow charts. The authors recommend specific resources which experience has taught them are the best in their fields of application. The book is produced in blue black on white format which is easy on the eyes.

A true gem of a book.